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HUERTA RESUMES BUSINESS ENCOURAGED BY SUCCESS

Apparently Gives No Thoughts to Trouble With United States.

Mexico City, November 17.—Organization of President Huerta's new Congress was completed late today, when enough Senators were gathered to form a quorum in the upper house. General Francisco Prieto, chosen temporary chairman of the Senate, and a committee on credentials was appointed. A similar committee of the Chamber of Deputies today began the work of revising the detailed credentials, and there is nothing to indicate that the formal opening of Congress next Thursday will be postponed.

President Huerta talked to-night informally to the members of his staff and a few personal friends regarding the possibilities of intervention by the United States. He intimated that he would be ready to resist such a step. The opinion is expressed in various circles here that the United States will soon inaugurate a blockade of Mexican ports. Rumor has it that President Wilson would be content with such action and might even permit the embassy to remain in Mexico City until an open rupture occurred.

General Huerta resumed business at the National Palace today, apparently with no thought of any questions pending between his government and that of the United States. He seems to regard recent incidents growing out of Washington's demand that he vacate the presidency as closed.

With the opening of the development, and that of a rather negative character, the day was almost devoid of acts relating to the tense situation which exists notwithstanding the incident of the American charge d'affaires.

The American charge d'affaires received instructions to continue to advise Washington with respect to developments, but he was not instructed to approach the Mexican government officials again, nor did his instructions include anything relating to the withdrawal of the embassy.

Watching O'Shaughnessy.

Rumors that the charge had been ordered to leave persisted, although an emphatic denial was made at the embassy, and that he was waiting for a reply to his letter of protest.

Rumors of plots and intrigues were common throughout the day, but the facts were forthcoming to indicate that General Huerta was losing his grip on affairs in the capital.

Reports from outlying points, especially in the north, were far from encouraging. In the state of Tamaulipas, the capture of which by the rebels was denied last week by the government is now admitted to be in a bad way, although not yet taken.

It is considered that possibly the large numbers surround the city and that a battle is imminent. Passengers from that part of the country who arrived here today confirm the reports of the rebels.

The government has not even confirmed the fall of Juarez, and the newspapers are still looking out hope for their readers that possibly the reports of its capture by General Villa are not true.

May Take Railroad.

El Paso, Tex., November 17.—General Francisco Villa threatened today to take over the Mexican Northern Railway, a property owned by Canadian capitalists. If the offer did not meet themselves immediately and operate the line. The railroad line has been destroyed by both rebels and Federalists and has not been in operation for several months. At a conference with Villa today the railroad officials decided to begin the repairing of the line instead of permitting it to remain in the hands of the rebels.

Loans amounting to about \$100,000 were made to General Villa at Juarez today by the two banks of that city. Villa gave the bankers assurance that he would refund the money to them if the revolt was successful. The money is being used in paying off the rebel troops and buying uniforms and provisions.

Knight in Command.

Newport, R. I., November 17.—Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight assumed command of the Narragansett naval station today, succeeding Rear-Admiral William H. Caperton, by whom he was relieved last week as commander of the Atlantic reserve fleet at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

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WASHINGTON CALM IN SPITE OF RUMORS FROM MEXICO CITY

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Report Not Confirmed.

Mexico City, November 17.—That Huerta intended to resign upon the convening of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies on Thursday was the substance of a report revived here today. The report was based on an alleged statement of a new deputy.

Up to late this afternoon, however, there had been no confirmation of the report or other important development in the situation. Conditions at the capital were absolutely normal.

An early severance of relations with the United States is regarded here as inevitable.

Whether the United States embassy is to remain or be immediately withdrawn appears to be a matter of which Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, is uncertain.

The staff of the embassy is ready to leave at a moment's notice.

There was considerable gossip in political circles today of further changes in the Mexican cabinet. General Aureliano Blanquet, Minister of the Interior, was said to be under consideration for removal.

General Huerta is proceeding with his efforts to organize the new Congress regardless of the notice given to him by John Lind that serious consideration would follow such a step.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy this afternoon called at the Country Club.

FIRE IN DANVILLE

Buildings on Lower Main Street Falling Prey to Flames.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., November 18.—Fire was discovered at 12:50 o'clock this morning in the large hardware establishment of the Hootch, Vase and Watson company, 215 East Main Street, and at 1:10 o'clock it had spread to the store of the Smith Seed and Feed company adjoining, and was rapidly knocking down the buildings facing the building, and it was found necessary to cut off the feed wire at the city electric power plant before the fire could be handled advantageously.

At 2:20 o'clock the fire was brought under control. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

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SUBMIT CURRENCY BILL ON THURSDAY

Definite Agreement Is Reached by Both Wings of Committee.

TALK OF ADJOURNMENT

Known That Wilson Wants Congress in Session if Mexican Trouble Comes.

Washington, November 17.—Definite agreement today by both the administration and the anti-administration wings of the Senate Bank and Currency Committee to complete their drafts of the currency bill and submit them to the Senate by Thursday was followed by general talk at the Capitol of an adjournment of Congress over Thanksgiving.

Informal discussion of the possibility of adjournment on both sides of the Capitol, however, failed to take any definite shape. No adjournment will be taken without the consent of the President, and he has not yet made known his views. In the Senate it was believed the President might agree to a brief recess, although it is known that he desires to have Congress in session in the event of emergencies arising in the Mexican situation.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday have been suggested as possible dates for adjournment in conference of House and Senate leaders. Majority Leader Underwood, due to return from his Senate campaign in Alabama Thursday, is expected to take up this question with President Wilson.

Continued Their Work.

Both wings of the Banking and Currency Committee continued work on their bills to amend the Federal Reserve Act, and they continued their deliberations to consider the advisability of altering the provision in the Glass-Steagall bill for shifting the reserve of the country from the present depositories of the Federal Reserve Bank to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

It has been suggested that the provision might make too great a demand on the banking resources of the country, and the result is the new notes for twenty years. These notes the committee reached no definite agreement, but Chairman Overman agreed to tabulate the figures available on the subject and present them to the committee tomorrow.

Senator Hitchcock and the Republicans continued their work on their bill. They increased the gold reserve to be held against the new currency to 5 percent, and provided that when the reserve fell below that point it would be taxed on a graduated scale down to the minimum of 2 percent. The bond refunding section was completely changed. As amended, it would require the Federal Reserve Bank to invest 2 percent of its available capital in the 4 percent bonds at par, which are the basis of the currency.

Regional banks would then be allowed to exchange the 2 percent bonds for 3 percent bonds, and the Federal Reserve Bank would be required to call in the 3 percent bonds and consequent stringency would be avoided. The bill also provides for the Federal Reserve Bank to secure gold to maintain the reserve.

Republicans also made numerous amendments, correcting what they regarded as discrepancies in the bill and making the bill more comprehensive. The amendments were accepted by the committee.

Senator Hitchcock in a speech from the floor today outlined his plan by which the reserve associations would be formed in each State, and he urged early action on currency legislation.

Joseph D. Cannon, of the Western Federation of Miners, described the conditions under which the miners revolted, and declared documentary evidence was available to prove that the Calumet and Hecla Company obtained free from the United States government in 1852 valuable mineral land and gave it to a company, the land never being used for other purposes, but for the copper it contained.

John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Mine Workers, who has spent months in the Calumet region, said it would be impossible to exaggerate the conditions there "which would disgrace the most barbarous country in the world."

John R. Lennon, treasurer of the federation, described the daily parades of men and women in the copper country. Armed men, militia and detective agency employees—marched along with the paraders on the highway, he said, seeking to provoke them to violence.

After midnight," said Lennon, "I walked through the streets of Calumet in company with Michigan police officials and saw young soldiers drunk on the streets with revolvers in their belts. I saw them insult women on the street."

President Gompers said the executive council was doing its utmost to aid the copper strikers.

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AMUSEMENTS

Academy—George Arliss in "Disraeli."

Lyric—Keith vaudeville, matinee and night.

Bijou—Grace Scott in "The Road to Yesterday," matinee and night.

Colony—Vaudeville.

Empire—Pictures.

Great Actor in Famous Play.

Such a play as "Disraeli" is rare, and an actor who plays it is even rarer. The combination of the two amounts to an event.

Nor is the witnessing of George Arliss in Louis Napoleon Parker's "Disraeli" an event only to those who follow the theatre, who delight in a perfectly constructed play, who find keenest pleasure in brilliant and artistic acting. It is an event to all who have a sense of the dramatic, a sense of the mind, the magnetic personality, the overwhelming genius that was Benjamin Disraeli. It is an event to all who remember, or have read of, the indomitable performance, over almost insurmountable obstacles that made him one of the greatest figures in English history; to those who recollect that it was he who made the English sovereign, Emperor of India, in a short, to use the hackneyed phrase, to see George Arliss in "Disraeli" is a liberal education—certainly as to a period of that period.

To read of Benjamin Disraeli and then to see Arliss, is as if one were merely reading another chapter, or merely seeing another scene, in the pages of history and the life of the man. The frame of his portrait and were living again his picturesque and mighty life before one's eyes.

Mr. Parker states very frankly that he has taken liberties with history. He undoubtedly has, but the main points of his story are based upon historical facts: the purchase of the Suez Canal shares, and the consequent following of Russian interests, and the Disraeli's terms as Prime Minister. It is a sort of poetical license that he has taken in weaving the schemes of a charming woman in the employment of Russia, and the efforts of Disraeli to get her into an absorbing plot for having indulged in that license, Mr. Parker is profoundly to be thanked.

For there has resulted a play which, true and again, holds the audience in silence that can be felt. The audience sitting in such tense stillness that a deep breath would be audible, because a man who has been dead for more than thirty years is represented as plotting and scheming for the purchase of shares in a "ditch," as he terms it.

That is, in briefest form, the story of the play. There is also a very happy, but altogether incidental, love story, but it is Disraeli's imperialism, his patriotism, his unflinching determination to secure the Suez Canal for his country, confronted by the almost successful machinations of a clever woman backed by the immense power of Russia, that constitute the plot of the play.

But, engrossing as is the story it

FIERCE ASSAULT ON MINE OWNERS

Federation of Labor Demands That Congress Investigate Conditions.

ACCUSATIONS ARE STARTLING

Militiamen Charged With Many Crimes Against Order and Decency.

Seattle, Wash., November 17.—Fierce speeches were made in the American Federation of Labor convention today, attacking the Michigan copper mine owners, whose employees are on strike. Resolutions demanding a congressional investigation and calling for contributions for the support of the strikers were adopted. President Samuel Gompers said the convention undoubtedly would adopt a resolution if it were presented, demanding investigation as to how the Calumet and Hecla Company obtained title to its copper land. The resolutions, which were adopted, set forth that:

"Whereas the mine owners have ignored the demands of the miners, spurned their attempts at conciliation, and in many ways treated them with contempt; have imported gunmen, thugs and so-called detectives into the strike zone, and these men have deliberately killed strikers in cold blood, assaulted women and beaten and terrorized children;

"Whereas 2,500 militiamen have been sent into the strike district, and many soldiers have driven their horses over men, women and children, beating them with guns, bayonets and swords, and outraging women and girls;

"Resolved, that the American Federation of Labor demand a congressional investigation of the strike and the causes leading up to it.

"Resolved, that the Federation of Labor unqualifiedly approve the stand of the Michigan miners, and calls on all affiliated unions to contribute at least the amount asked for the defense of the council of the Federation, and where it can be afforded, larger amounts be donated, and that, if possible, means be devised by the unions to raise money for the purpose of providing food, clothing and shelter for those fighting the battles of oppressed humanity."

Deserves Condition.

Joseph D. Cannon, of the Western Federation of Miners, described the conditions under which the miners revolted, and declared documentary evidence was available to prove that the Calumet and Hecla Company obtained free from the United States government in 1852 valuable mineral land and gave it to a company, the land never being used for other purposes, but for the copper it contained.

John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Mine Workers, who has spent months